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SUBJECT: BRITISH OBSERVATIONS ON TRAVEL RULES

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1. DURING MARCH 2 MEETING WITH BRITISH COLLEAGUES, POL
COUNS WAS BRIEFED ON CONVERSATIONS OF BRITISH EMBOFF WITH
SOVIET OFFICIALS WHICH CONCERNED NEW TRAVEL RULES. SOV-
IETS CONFIRMED THAT: TRAVEL RULES APPLY TO ALL FOREIGNERS
ACCREDITED IN MOSCOW, INCLUDING JOURNALISTS AND BUSINESS-
MEN; TRAVEL WITHIN MOSCOW OBLAST IS NOTE-FREE;
AND, MAPS WILL BE PRODUCED BY SOVIETS FOR DIPLOMATIC
COMMUNITY. WHEN ASKED ABOUT MAGNITOGORSK REFUSAL (REFTEL),
SOVIET OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT WHEN NEXT DESIRING TO
TRAVEL THERE EMBOFFS SHOULD APPLY IN THE USUAL MANNER.

2. BRITISH ALSO INFORMED US ON OTHER BRITISH EFFORTS TO
TEST OTHER ASPECTS OF NEW TRAVEL REGIME. DURING RECENT
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TOUR BY BRITISH PETROLEUM DEL OF TYUMEN; SAMOTLOR AND
NIZHNYI-VARTOVSK, BRITISH ATTACHED SECOND SECRETARY AS
DELEGATION ESCORT. SOVIETS SAID HE COULD GO NO
FARTHER THAN TYUMEN. BRITISH THEREFORE PULLED HIM OFF
DELEGATION BUT WILL PROTEST. BRITISH HAVE ALSO REQUESTED
PERMISSION FOR A MILITARY ATTACHE TO TRAVEL RAILROAD
LINE FROM CHITA TO HARBIN, CHINA. MFA REFUSED TO RULE

ON REQUEST, AND TOLD BRITISH TO APPLY THROUGH MINISTRY
OF DEFENSE. TOON

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